and Environmental Engineering organisation (CPHEEO) from technical angle at an estimated cost of Rs. 77.97 crores. The scheme envisages improvement of sanitation facilities, and has been designed to cater to the needs for the population upto 2026. The scheme is to be executed by the State Governmen out of the provision for funds under the state sector. There is no provision for Central financing.

Special grant to Andhra Pradesh for *centenary celebrations*

2677. DR. C. VIJAYAMOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh a project report for a special grant of Rs. 200 crores and external assistance for launching urban renewal and regeneration of Hyderabad city to commemorate the historical occasion of fourth centenary celebrations; and

(b) if so, what action have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter is under examination.

Restructuring of National Building Organisation

2678. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Building Organisation was set up in 1954 for promoting research and application of low cost housing technology is being up-staged by the newly set up Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council in the name of restructuring National Building Organisation;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news reports published in the Stateman of 14th August, 1991 under the caption 'new body upstaging National Building organisation, and Sunday Mail of February 23—29, 1992, under the caption 'R and D unit gunned down';

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) the circumstances under which Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council has been allowed to replace National Building Organisation; and

(e) whether a C.B.I. Enquiry is proposed to be ordered to bring out the truth behind the move to close down the National Building Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The National Building Organisation (NBO) was set up in 1954 as an attached office under the then Ministry of Works and Housing. It was felt that within the present departmental framework and its own inherent limitation, it has not been possible for NBO to address the whole range of activities now being needed for effective transfer from the stages of demonstration and experiments to the logical last stage of commercial application and field transfer. Accordingly, the Government decided to set up the Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) as a society under the aegis of the Ministry of Urban Development and to act as an inter-ministerial platform to bridge the gap between the laboratory and field applications, promote on a large scale cost effective technologies and assist enterprenuers for commercial production of building materials and components developed by R&D institutions and ensure widespread adoption of limited technologies and materials. The functions of BMTPC go beyond those of NBO and is not mere duplication. This would require restrucuring of the existing set up of the National Building Organisation.